

**BUCKS  
COUNTY  
PLAYHOUSE**

# YOUTH COMPANY NEWSLETTER



*Director Rory McGregor watches intently as some of the Youth Company rehearse a scene.*

## This Week

Week Two and we returned from our long holiday break rested and ready to get back to work!

On Tuesday, after we reviewed the dances, songs, and scenes that we had created and learned during our first week, Rory introduced a new disco dance sequence—an instance cast favorite--and Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Nightmare Song." During lunchtime, in the beautiful backyard of our neighbors, the Bridge Street Foundation, the girls were treated to some playtime with foundation dogs, Ruby, Stella, and Lucas, before getting back to rehearsal.

On Wednesday, Rory worked on a new scene, adapted from a monologue brought in by one of our cast members, Dani began choreography for the disco song "Dreaming Awake," Kyle worked on a new quartet, "Mr. Sandman," and Michaela continued working with the cast on storytelling. After rehearsal, our creative and production teams had their second production meeting to discuss the technical elements of the show, so far. And yet, despite all this creative activity and the temperature outside continuing to climb, the addition of a new air conditioner was by far the coolest hit of the day!

On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday the cast continued to review songs, dances, and scenes as well as creating new material for the show including an original piece based on *The Actor's Nightmare* by Christopher Durang.



*The Youth Company gathers around the piano to review music with Kyle.*

**Dream Awake**  
July 22-25 2:00 & 6:30pm

**TICKETS\***

\*20% off for the purchase of 4 tickets or more



Dani teaches choreography for the new song "Dreaming Awake" (above and right).

On Friday afternoon the cast had an exciting first run-thru of the show (so far) and were amazed over the amount of material they had created in just two weeks' time. It was also great for everyone to experience how the songs, dances, and scenes that they have been working on separately worked together in sequence to give shape to our show.



The cast enjoys spending time with the Bridge Street Foundation Dogs Stella (top) and Lucas (bottom & right).

And, Dog Week at Lambertville Hall continued with a visit from Kyle's sweet pooch, Ruby. We love being surrounded by so many friendly canines! On Thursday night, our pit band held their first rehearsal at Lambertville Hall and they sound amazing!!! We cannot wait for the cast to hear and sing with them for the first-time next Saturday during our Sitzprobe (the first time a show's band plays music with the cast singing).

As week two of rehearsal ends, we are looking forward to a much-needed day of rest before jumping into our last week before tech!

Lastly, don't forget to purchase your tickets for the show and tell your friends and family about the production!



The cast performing a scene.



Rory gives notes on a scene to Olivia and Jessica.



Dance Captain Serenity teaches other Company members how to waltz for a scene.